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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on July 24, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.